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General Nathan F. Twining
Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
Department of the Air Force
Room 4-E-929, Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Twining:

25X1 For the past six months, a special unit of CIA personnel has been engaged in a [redacted] enterprise of great delicacy and highest importance to this Government.

During this period the Air Force has given extensive support to our endeavors. We had to call upon you for all manner of usual and unusual services, frequently with little or no notice although urgent priority and stringent security were necessary. The Air Force met every request with exemplary spirit and efficiency.

The many connected with this operation have told me of the admiration and gratitude they feel toward the Air Force personnel from whom they received such invaluable support under difficult circumstances. I realize that this reflects standard Air Force performance but I want you to know that it made the difference between success and failure in an important undertaking and reflects great credit on all the men concerned.

In describing to me the significant contributions made by your forces to our endeavors, the following officers and men have been specially cited:

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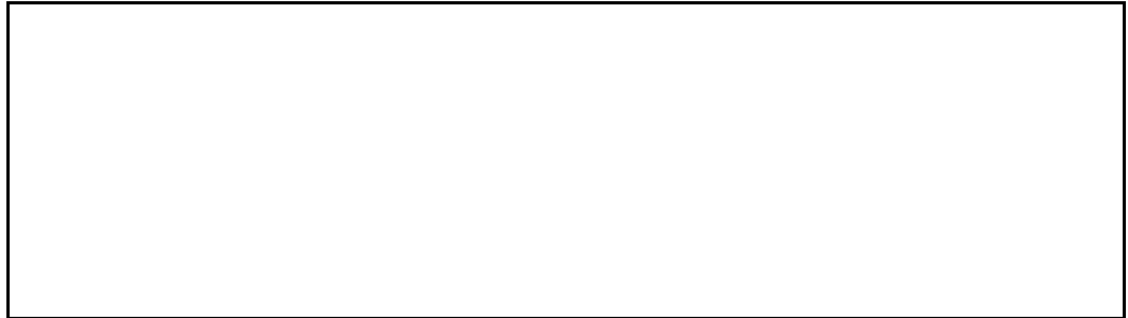
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I hope that you will feel it appropriate to make this letter a matter of secret record.

Sincerely,

A small, illegible redacted signature.

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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